

Memorandum



Date: July 9, 2012

RTC

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 6(C)

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Commission Directive Relating to the Limousine and Taxicab Advisory Groups

The following information is submitted in compliance with the Board of County Commissioners (Board) request for information pertaining to votes taken and minutes of the Taxicab Advisory Group and the Limousine Advisory Group. The agenda items listed below will be considered at the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) meeting scheduled for July 9, 2012.

RTC Agenda Item 1F3

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO VEHICLES FOR HIRE; AMENDING ARTICLE II OF THE CODE PERTAINING TO SERVICE IN UNDERSERVED TAXI SERVICE AREAS; AUTHORIZING UNDERSERVED AREA TAXICABS TO CONVERT INTO HYBRID UNDERSERVED AREA TAXICABS AND PROVIDE TAXICAB SERVICE OUTSIDE OF DESIGNATED AREAS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AMENDING CHAPTER 8CC OF THE CODE TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

At the Taxicab Advisory Group meeting of April 17, 2012, all members present supported the alternate day system for the underserved area taxicabs and the payment of the \$5,000 conversion fee. A motion was made to endorse the ordinance and it was unanimously approved by members present. Official minutes of this meeting have not yet been approved by the Taxicab Advisory Group.

RTC Agenda Item 1F4

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO REGULATION OF FOR-HIRE LIMOUSINES; AMENDING VEHICLE AGE REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The Limousine Advisory Group met on April 24, 2012. Members had a discussion regarding the above ordinance. One operator present at the meeting was in favor of the amendment; however, other limousine operators and several representatives of the taxicab industry voiced their concerns regarding the need for an amendment to the current vehicle age requirements. Limousine Advisory Group members did not take a vote on this issue. Official minutes of this meeting have not yet been approved by the Limousine Advisory Group.

Agenda Item 1F5

ORDINANCE RELATING TO VEHICLES FOR-HIRE, AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE THAT TAXICABS SCHEDULED FOR RETIREMENT ON DECEMBER 31, 2012 SHALL BE ALLOWED TO BE OPERATED FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR PERIOD; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The above agenda item has not been discussed by the Taxicab Advisory Group. Because this group meets quarterly, the group will not meet prior to the RTC's consideration of the item. However, regardless of whether or not these Advisory Groups decide to consider a legislative proposal, staff from the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) always transmits pending legislation electronically to Advisory Group Board members and other interested parties within the hospitality industry as soon as it becomes available.

Please feel free to contact Mario E. Goderich, Assistant Director, Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) at (305) 375-5952 should you have further inquiries or concerns regarding this matter.

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